

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DAVIS HOUSE

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number East side of Old Route 5, 1000 ft. north of ☐ not for publication  
Charlotte Hall School Road

city, town Charlotte Hall ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Veterans Home Commission

Old Armory Building

street & number 11 Bladen Street telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code Maryland 21401

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. SM-371

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Davis House stands on the east side of Old Route 5, approximately 1000 feet north of its intersection with Charlotte Hall School Road in Charlotte Hall.

The main section of the Davis House is two and one half stories tall and four bays wide with a cross gable roof. A three sided bay with a pyramidal roof extends from the south end of the west elevation. A boxed cornice runs along all four sides of the frame house and returns at each of the four gable ends. The house is sheathed with weatherboard siding, except for the attic story of the gable ends which are covered with diamond shaped wood shingles.

A one story screened porch with diagonal corners wraps around the west, north and south elevations and is supported by fluted Tuscan columns which taper at the top to a narrow capital. A pedimented entrance portico with cornice returns is at the center of the west elevation of the porch.

The main entrance to the house is on the north end of the west elevation. The door, with four horizontal panels, is framed by narrow sidelights and a transom. The windows on both the first and second stories have either 1/1 or 2/2 sash.

A two bay wide and three bay deep gable roofed wing extends from the east elevation. It also has a boxed cornice with returns on the gable end. There is a small entrance with a hood roof on the north elevation. A one bay wide and one bay deep gable roofed addition extends from the south-east corner of this wing. The addition is covered with asbestos siding and has 6/6 sash windows.

Another one story addition, one bay wide and one bay deep, with a metal shed roof, extends from the northeast corner of the wing. There is an entrance on the east elevation as well as a 6/6 sash window.

A one bay wide two story porch addition extends along the three northern bays of the two story wing. The first story is enclosed and is used as the kitchen. Each bay of the second story porch is marked by a turned post with jig sawn brackets.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-371

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The land on which the Davis house stands was in the hands of the Kilgour family for most of the nineteenth century. William Kilgour's will of July 3] 1796 mentions land "at the Cool Springs" which he bought from Zachariah Billinsley and Benjamin Ogden. The land, probably still undeveloped, was subdivided and sold by Matthew Kilgour in the 1860's. The Davis family sold the property, along with the house, to the Trustees of Charlotte Hall School. The house was acquired by the Board of Public Works in 1978 and razed in 1984.

This house is of no architectural significance.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-371

Land Records St. Mary's County

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

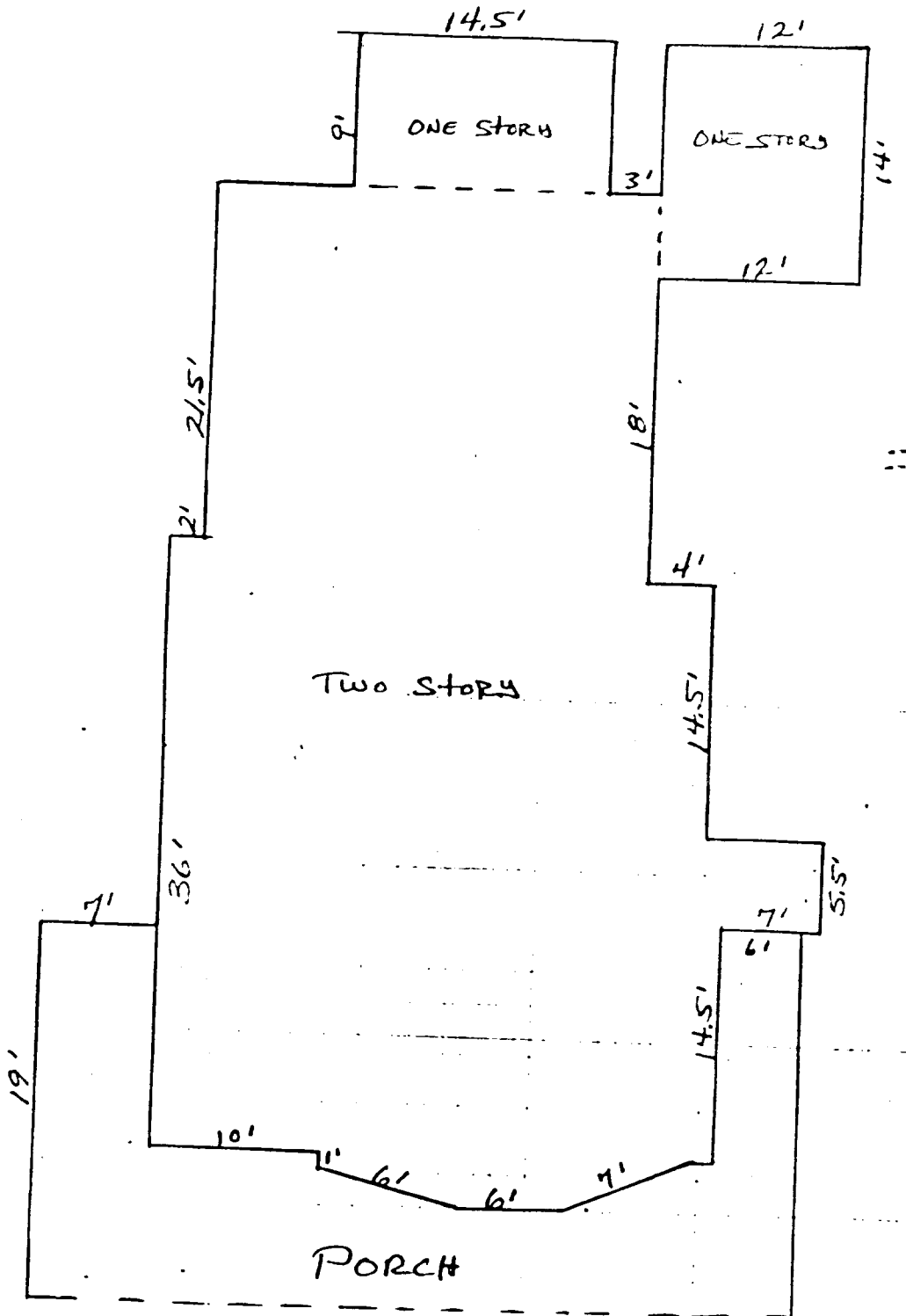
7. Description (Continued)

In the interior, there is a narrow entrance hall, with stairs leading to the second floor rising from the left hand side. The two largest rooms are to the right of the hallway and are linked by a paneled sliding door. There is a fireplace on the south wall of the first room flanked by large window seats. Most of the rooms on the first floor have closets or cupboards. The door and window trim is late nineteenth century, usually with bullsege corner blocks. The rooms in the various additions on the east side of the house have plain trim as well as dropped ceilings of asbestos panels.

The second floor consists of four bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen and the porch. The window and door trim are identical to that on the first floor, but most of the walls are covered with thin plywood board and all have dropped asbestos ceilings.

SUBJECT IMPROVEMENTS - FLOOD LANE

BUILDING #9 - DAVIS HOUSE



Scale 1" = 10'

New Veterans Home (1982)

aka Alumni Hall

Gymnasium Keech Hall  
(1922) (c.1935)

site of old  
Administration Bldg.  
(1927-1982)

New Academic  
Bldg. (1971)

Thomas House

c.1950  
brick  
house

4-gable  
house  
(private)

Dormitory  
(1960)

Academic  
Bldg. (1897)  
aka Old Classroom  
Bldg.

(SM-86)  
White  
House (1803)

Dent Memorial  
Chapel (1884)

Chelsey House (c. 1800, private)

OLD ROUTE 5

SM-207

PRINCIPAL'S HOUSE  
(Handwritten note)

2-story  
frame house  
(c. 1880)

19th C.  
frame house  
(semi-private)

Mattingly  
House

Davis  
House  
(SM-371)

Briscoe  
House  
(c.1825,  
private)

late 19th C.  
frame house  
(semi-private)

I.R.S.  
Bldg.

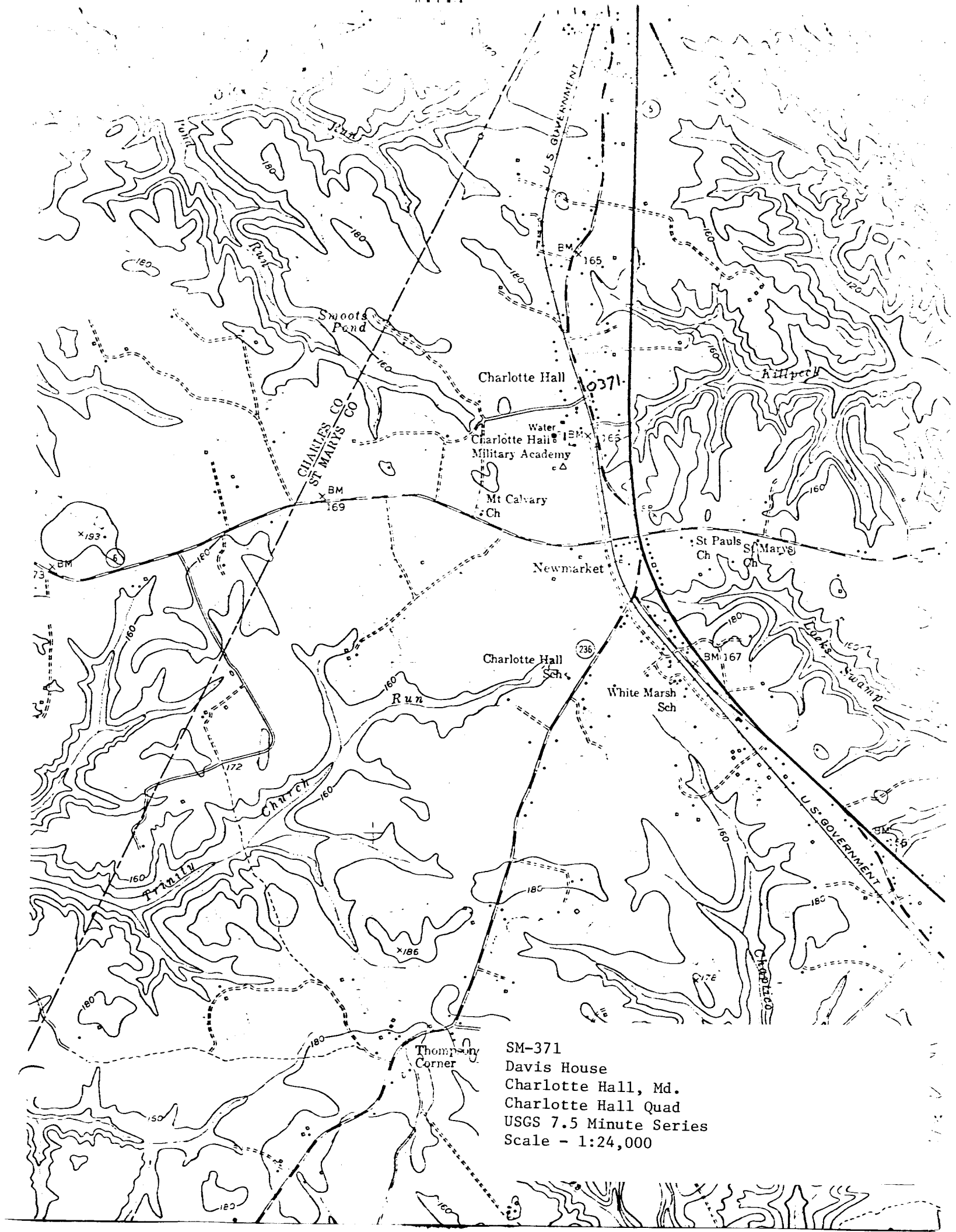
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(private ?)

c.1960  
brick house

CHARLOTTE HALL

3/6/84 KEK

SM-371  
Briscoe  
tenant house



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Davis House  
Charlotte Hall, Md.  
Charlotte Hall Quad  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale - 1:24,000



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Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

Porch on north facade



SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

North Facade



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Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

Detail of porch on west facade



SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

West Facade



SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

Southwest elevation

Geoffrey Henry

Negatives at MHT

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SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

South elevation

Geoffrey Henry

Negatives at MHT

7/84



SM-371

Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

South elevation

Geoffrey Henry

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Davis House

Charlotte Hall, Md.

SE Corner